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Oilseeds and Products Update

November Lock-up

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Report Highlights:

Soybean area and production for marketing year 2013/14 are increased to 20.5 million hectares and 57.5 million metric tons, respectively. Planting has been delayed due to dry conditions this season. Area for sunflower is adjusted downward to 1.65 million hectares, 200,000 ha less than the USDA official estimate, based on official estimates from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange.

Post:

Buenos Aires

Commodities:

Oilseed, Soybean (Local)

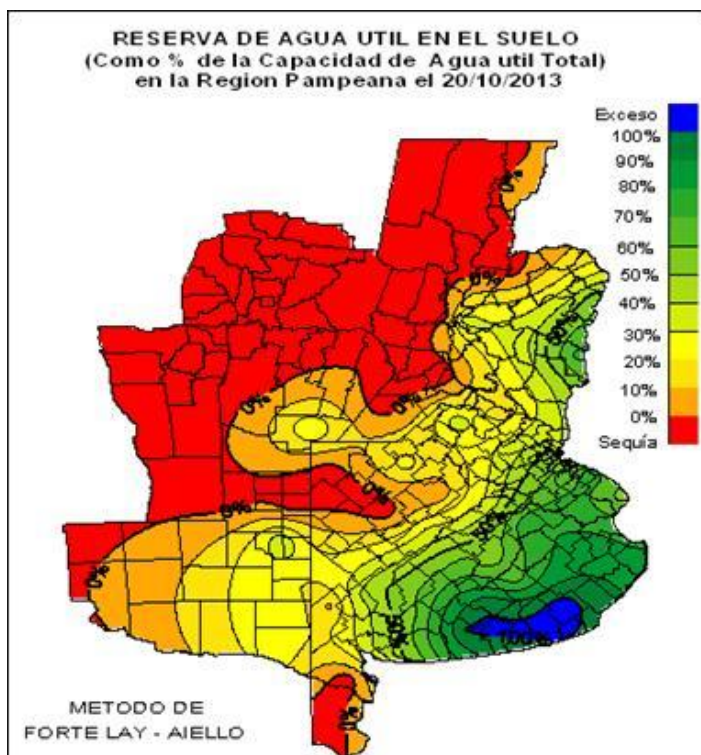
Oilseed, Sunflowerseed

Oilseed, Peanut

Author Defined:**Soybeans:**

This year, the agriculture sector in Argentina is suffering from dry soils and lack of rain. While still early in the season, this is already affecting area projections for the 2013/14 marketing year. In most of the pampa humeda or “corn belt” region, it is has been too dry to plant early season corn, so producers are opting for soybeans instead. Many reports estimate a drop in corn area, which is directly attributed to a bump in soybean area. For example, the Cordoba Grain Exchange shows a jump in their September soybean estimate in from 4.7 million hectares to 4.9 million hectares in October, an increase of 200,000 hectares in the Cordoba region only. Due to this trend, area for soybeans is raised to 20.5 million hectares in marketing year (MY) 2013/14. At the end of last season, most contacts in the agricultural sector predicted area to be less than 20 million hectares this year. The same contacts now say that area will be above 20 million hectares. The Ministry of Agriculture estimates soybean area for MY2013/14 at 20.65 million hectares. Production is bumped to reflect the increase in area based on average historic yields and is currently estimated at 57.5 million metric tons. If this is achieved, it will be a record soybean crop for Argentina.

Below is a graphic of the current soil humidity in the growing area as of October 20, 2013.



Source: Servicio Meteorológico Nacional

Sunflowerseed:

Sunflowerseed planting is also delayed this season due to the dry weather, especially in the north and central Santa Fe province, Chaco and Santiago del Estero. In these Northern provinces, planting begins earlier and in a normal year is about 1/3 complete by now. The Ministry of Agriculture estimates that only 19 percent of planting is complete at this time. Total area for sunflowerseed is lowered by 200,000 hectares to 1.65 million hectares. The Ministry of Agriculture estimates area at 1.36 million hectares and the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange pegs area at 1.63 million hectares. Production is adjusted accordingly based on average yields to 3.1 million metric tons.

Planting Progress, October 17, 2013						
Sunflowerseed						
Province	Local Marketing Year				Area Planted From:	
	12/13	13/14	12/13	13/14	10/10/13	10/17/13
	Percentage		Hectares		Percentage	
Buenos Aires	7	7	45,379	55,260	0	7
Córdoba	21	2	8,564	490	1	2
Entre Ríos	80	72	6,380	4,320	72	72
La Pampa	2	2	5,490	18,240	0	2
Santa Fe	99	87	175,843	138,190	79	87
Other	91	35	393,111	65,370	34	35
Total	39%	19%	634,767	281,870	16%	19%

Source: MAGyP, Weekly Report, 10/17/2013 with sunflowerseed area estimated at 1.36 million hectares

Peanuts:

There are no changes for peanut production this month. The Ministry of Agriculture recently published an estimate of 418,000 hectares for MY2013/14, almost a 30 percent increase over the USDA official estimate of 325,000 hectares. Many contacts in the industry do not agree there will be such a big jump. Production costs of peanuts are nearly three times as much as they are for soybeans so it is unlikely there would be such an aggressive expansion from one year to another.

Oilseed, Soybean (Local) Argentina	2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014	
	Market Year Begin: Apr 2012		Market Year Begin: Apr 2013		Market Year Begin: Apr 2014	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	18,600	18,600	19,330	19,330	19,700	20,500
Area Harvested	17,577	17,577	19,330	19,330	19,700	20,000
Beginning Stocks	4,010	4,010	5,717	5,717	7,850	7,850
Production	40,100	40,100	49,400	49,400	53,500	57,500
MY Imports	2	2	2	2	2	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	44,112	44,112	55,119	55,119	61,352	65,350
MY Exports	6,098	6,098	8,150	8,150	12,250	13,000
MY Exp. to EU	35	35	50	50	0	50
Crush	30,669	30,669	37,450	37,450	37,800	43,000
Food Use Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	1,628	1,628	1,669	1,669	1,702	1,700
Total Dom. Cons.	32,297	32,297	39,119	39,119	39,502	44,700
Ending Stocks	5,717	5,717	7,850	7,850	9,600	7,650
Total Distribution	44,112	44,112	55,119	55,119	61,352	65,350
1000 HA, 1000 MT						

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